MINUTES

OF SOME LATE

CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN THE

REV. THOMAS COKE, L.L.D.

AND OTHERS.

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DUBLIN, Tueſday, July 6, 1784.

QUEST. 1. WHAT Preachers are *admitted* this year?

ANSW. John Cricket, Guſtavus Armſtrong, George Dice, John Miller, Lawrence Kane, James Rennick, James Jordan, Thomas Hetherington, Joſeph Armſtrong, and Matthias Joyce.

Q. 2. Who *remain* on trial?

A. None.

Q. 3. Who are *admitted* on trial?

A. John Clark, Walter Griffith, William Hammet, James Wilſon, James M'Donnel.

Q. 4. Who deſiſt from *travelling?*

A. Robert Blake.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers ſtationed this year?

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A. As follows :

1. *Dublin*,	James Rogers, Andrew Blair.	
2. *Waterford*,	Thomas Tatterſhall, James Wilſon.	
3. *Cork*,	A Preacher from England, Thomas Davies	*Let theſe change every Quarter.*
4. *Bandon*,	Daniel Jackſon, Lawrence Kane.	
5. *Limerick*,	John Leech, John Watſon.	
6. *Caſtlebar*,	James Jordan, John Kerr, Thomas Halliday, ſupernumerary.	
7. *Athlone*,	Matthias Joyce, John Cricket.	
8. *Sligo*,	Robert Bridge, John Clark.	
9. *Balliconnell*,	Robert Armſtrong, William Weſt, James M'Donnel.	
10. *Clones*,	Nehemiah Price, George Mowat, Thomas Hetherington, Samuel Mitchell, ſupernumerary.	
11. *Inniſkillen*,	Thomas Barbor, Guſtavus Armſtrong.	
12. *Charlemount*,	John Crook, John Mealy, Walter Griffith.	
13. *Liſleen*,	Joſeph Armſtrong, James Rennick.	
14. *Londonderry*,	Jonathan Brown, George Dice, Wm. M'Cornock.	
15. *Belfaſt*,	John Price, John Miller.	
16. *Liſburn*,	George Brown, William Hammet.	

Q. 7. What ſhall we do with Robert Lindſay?

A. We refer his Caſe to Mr. Weſley: and in the mean time we ſuſpend him.

Q. 8. How many Preachers' Wives are to be provided for?

A. Ten: Siſter Price, Blair, Kane, Brown, Watſon, Mowat, Bridge, Joyce, Crook, and Rennick £6.

Q. 9. What does each Circuit contribute to theſe?

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Dublin,	13	0	0
Cork,	4	0	0
Bandon,	1	0	0
Limerick,	4	0	0
Caſtlebar,	2	0	0
Athlone,	6	0	0
Sligo,	1	0	0
Ballyconnell,	1	0	0
Clones,	5	0	0
Inniſkillen,	1	0	0
Charlemount,	1	10	0
Londonderry,	1	0	0
Coleraine,	2	0	0
Belfaſt,	2	0	0
Liſburn,	4	0	0

Q. 10. What Numbers are in the Societies?

A. * Dublin, 582
* Waterford 209
* Cork, 633
* Limerick,

* Limerick,	270
* Caſtlebar,	259
Athlone,	272
* Sligo,	306
* Ballyconnell,	672
Clones,	627
* Inniſkillen,	562
* Charlemount,	684
Liſleen,	452
* Londonderry,	171
Belfaſt,	287
* Liſburn,	441
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*N. B. The Circuits marked thus * are increaſed this Year.*

Q. 11. What is the Kingſwood Collection?
A. £. 20 9 3.

Q. 12. What is contributed to the Preachers' Fund?
A. £. 45 6 0.

Q. 13. What is contributed for the Yearly Expences?
A. £. 43 5 9½d.

Q. 14. What ſhall we do with thoſe who wilfully and repeatedly neglect to meet their Claſs?

A. 1. Let the Aſſiſtant or one of his helpers, perſonally viſit them, wherever it is practicable, and

and explain to them the conſequence, if they continue to neglect, viz. Expulſion.

2. If they do not amend, let the Aſſiſtant exclude them in the Society, informing it, that they are laid aſide for a breach of our Rules of Diſcipline, and not for immoral Conduct.

Q. 15. Is it right in a Methodiſt-Preacher to wear Powder in his Hair as part of his Dreſs?

A. It is not right. Let it be ſo no more.

Q. 16. What further can be done to ſtop the exceſſive uſe of Tobacco in Snuff, or by Smoaking or Chewing the ſame.

A. Let every Preacher engage with an audible voice, in the preſence of God and his Brethren, that he will not Snuff, Smoak, or Chew Tobacco.

Q. 17. Is it not right that the Aſſiſtant, and not the Steward, ſhould receive the quarterly Subſcriptions at the viſitation of the Claſſes?

A. Certainly it is. This has ever been the practice in almoſt every part of England, and in many parts of Ireland. And therefore let every Aſſiſtant look to it, and aſk every Perſon who can afford it for his Subſcription at every Quarter's viſitation, when he delivers the Tickets; and in due time let him deliver the whole into the hands of the Stewards for carrying on the work of God in the Circuit.

Q. 18. What can be done to enforce Morning Preaching?

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A. Let every Preacher with an audible voice engage, in the preſence of God and his Brethren, that he will, to the utmoſt of his power, Preach every Morning where he can have a Congregation, and, as far as it is practicable, at Five o'Clock.

Whereas a Deed-Poll has been lately enrolled in his Majeſty's High Court of Chancery in London, by the Rev. John Weſley, for the ſpecification and eſtabliſhment of the Conference of the People called Methodiſts: and whereas an anonymous Appeal has been circulated among the Societies with the deſign of depreciating and deſtroying the Force of the ſaid Deed: We the Preachers in Conference aſſembled, do teſtify, that we do approve of the ſaid Deed, do prefer it to the former Plan of Government ſet forth in the large Minutes of Conference, and are willing to ſubmit to its Regulations, and to ſupport it; and that we alſo do condemn the ſaid anonymous Appeal as falſe and inflammatory.

Let the next Conference be held in Dublin, on the firſt Friday in next July.

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